[English]

Allocation of Funds for JRY

5687. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of funds allocated for the current financial year to Pubjab under the various employment schemes like JRY;

(b) the details thereof, Scheme-wise;

(c) the details of employment opportunities likely to be generated through these schemes; and

(d) the steps taken to increase allocations under these schemes for Punjab with a view to generate more employment opportunities in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) an Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) are the major employment schemes being implemented throughout the country, including State of Pubjab. The total tentative allocation to Pubjab under JRY during the financial year 1997-98 is Rs. 1217.19 lakhs and the employment generation target is 17.45 lakh mandays. EAS is a demand driven scheme and as such no targets are fixed under the scheme. Under IRDP Rs. 269.39 lakh have been allocated to Punjab during 1997-98. From 1995-96, under IRDP no targets are fixed.

(d) Under JRY and IRDP allocation to the States/ Union Territories are made on the basis of proportion of rural poor in the State to the total rural poor in the country. Funds under EAS are released on the basis of population of the block.

Irrigation Project on Panchanan River (Bihar)

5688. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from State Government of Bihar about an irrigation project in Bihar sharif on Panchanan River/ Tributaries in Nalanda district in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No such proposal has been received in Central Water Commission from the State Government of Bihar.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Rural Accelerated Water Supply Scheme

5689. DR. G.R. SARODE : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages in Jalgaon of Maharashtra covered under Rural Accelerated Water Supply Scheme during the current year and the extent of success achieved in this regard; and

(b) whether any proposal for increasing the predetermined target is under consideration of this Ministry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) According to the Quarterly Progress Report for the period ended 31st December, 1996, 29 habitations were covered with safe drinking water facilities during April, 1996 to December, 1996 under the Rural Water Supply Programme benefiting a population of 2.045 lakh.

(b) No, Sir. The District-wise targets are fixed by the State Governments.

[English]

Drought Threat in Maharashtra

5690. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Maharashtra has been facing the threat of drought;

(b) if so, the details thereof, till date; and

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) According to the information